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### MINNESOTA'S OCTOBER MILK OUTPUT UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

October 2012 milk production totaled 746 million pounds in Minnesota, up 3 percent from the 725 million pounds produced in October 2011, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised September 2012 milk output was 721 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,605 pounds in October 2012, up 50 pounds from last October. The revised September 2012 rate was 1,550 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during October 2012 was 465 thousand head, unchanged from the September 2012 number, but down 1,000 head from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first ten months of 2012 was 7.55 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

### OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, down slightly from October 2011. September revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from September 2011. The September revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,791 pounds for October, 1 pound below October 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 10,000 head less than October 2011, and 8,000 head less than September 2012.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major States for the first ten months of 2012 was 156 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Oct 2011	Sep 2012 Rev.	Oct 2012	Oct 2011	Sep 2012 Rev.	Oct 2012	Oct 2011	Sep 2012 Rev.	Oct 2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,776	1,779	1,778	1,930	1,790	1,860	3,428	3,184	3,307	96.5
ID	581	580	577	1,930	1,930	1,960	1,121	1,119	1,131	100.9
<b>MN</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>102.9</b>
NY	610	610	610	1,725	1,740	1,770	1,052	1,061	1,080	102.7
PA	538	533	533	1,620	1,560	1,630	872	831	869	99.7
WI	1,264	1,271	1,271	1,715	1,730	1,785	2,168	2,199	2,269	104.7
23 States	8,475	8,473	8,465	1,790	1,729	1,791	15,170	14,651	15,165	100.0

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